

a moment of silence before the school day begins in all of the Lawrence public schools. With the help of Mr. John Housianitis, vice chairman of the Lawrence school committee, Lawrence School Superintendent James F. Scully, and Lawrence Mayor Mary Claire Kennedy, Mr. Harb was able to convince the school committee to establish a moment of silence in the schools as a way of fostering a more positive atmosphere in the classrooms.

Since its adoption in March of 1994, many students have expressed their gratitude for the moment of silence before their school day begins. Many have used this period as a time for personal reflection and thought. Others have used it as a time for prayer. Regardless of religious denomination, students in Lawrence public school system now have the opportunity to take a moment to express themselves through reflection, thought, or prayer before each school day begins.

Today in our country, our children face many challenges at school. Not only are there academic rigors, but there are also social pressures that our young people must constantly address, day in and day out. A moment of silence and reflection will not eliminate these pressures, but it can ease them.

Again, I applaud the efforts of Mr. Harb and the other community leaders who have been at the forefront of this movement. I hope other communities will follow the lead of the Lawrence public school system and institute a moment of silence before each school day. It has benefited the students in Lawrence and it will benefit others.

THE C-17 DOES THE JOB

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, real world events continue to demonstrate why the nondevelopmental aircraft alternative [NDAA] as part of our strategic airlift solution is a bad idea. The recent disaster in the Caribbean caused by Hurricane Marilyn underscores our Nation's continuing need for humanitarian airlift and, likewise, demonstrates the Nation's need for the unique capabilities of the C-17. The humanitarian relief activity in the U.S. Virgin Islands performed by the C-17 validates the very reasons we are buying this magnificent airplane. Simply, it does the job we bought it to do, and does it when conditions preclude the use of other, less capable aircraft.

At the airfield in St. Thomas, where ramp space is extremely limited, landing and then unloading a large commercial freighter would essentially close to airfield to other aircraft. We witnessed these same circumstances in Goma, Zaire, where aircraft with desperately needed supplies circled overhead and were forced to turn back because the airfield was out of service for hours awaiting the unloading of a B747. The C-17's unique ground maneuverability—routine backing and the ability to turn around in fewer than 90 feet—allows for a continuous flow—greater throughput—of humanitarian relief through the small St. Thomas airfield.

Also the C-17 can carry more than people, meals, and blankets. In the case of St. Thomas—17's carried an entire 150-vehicle U.S.

Army light infantry truck company, including 2.5- and 5-ton trucks loaded with relief supplies and flatbed semi-trailer trucks. It is relief equipment such as this, which cannot be carried by the so-called nondevelopmental aircraft alternative—a Pentagon word for an airplane which is not a C-17. Such a capability is very critical in the early days following a disaster. The outsize cargo capability of the C-17 allows the Army to stack-load many of its trucks directly atop the flatbed vehicles, increasing the load density and reducing the number of required flights. Such outsize loads can be delivered directly to where they are needed only by the C-17.

As we have seen again in St. Thomas, whether airlifting firepower for the soldier or humanitarian aid for a neighbor, the C-17 is living up to its promise—it delivers. The C-17 is demonstrating it is indeed the most versatile airlift aircraft in aviation history. It is this capability our Nation must have to meet its global military and humanitarian airlift needs.

As we begin to replace our aging C-141, a dollar spent for airlift should be a dollar spent for airlift modernization and increased capability; NDAA—the nondevelopmental aircraft alternative—does neither. If a force mix solution is considered to satisfy our Nation's military and humanitarian airlift needs, the correct number of NDAA must be zero. I urge your continued support of the maximum funding in the fiscal year 1996 budget for the C-17 as our single and most capable airlift solution.

TRIBUTE TO ED WUJEK AND LARRY CALCATERRA

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the March of Dimes is an organization with a noble mission: To fight birth defects and childhood diseases. We all share the March of Dimes dream which is that every child should have the opportunity to live a healthy life.

For the past 12 years, the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation has honored several Macomb County residents who are outstanding members of our community and have helped in the campaign for healthier babies. This evening, the chapter will be hosting the 12 annual "Alexander Macomb Citizen of the Year" award dinner. The award, instituted in 1984, is named after my home county's namesake, Gen. Alexander Macomb, a hero of the War of 1812.

This year, the March of Dimes has chosen Ed Wujek and Larry Calcaterra as recipients of the "Family of the Year" award. The Wujek-Calcaterra family has operated a funeral home in Macomb County for more than 10 years. Both families have been in the business since the early 1900's. As everyone knows, their business involves caring for people during what is often the most difficult point in people's lives. When they are not helping meet the needs of the grieving, the Wujek-Calcaterra family can be counted on to devote time and money to numerous charitable and civic groups including the Boy and Girl Scouts, churches, hospitals, and of course, the March of Dimes.

Dr. Jonas Salk's polio vaccine is just one of the more famous breakthroughs that would not have been possible without March of Dimes research funding. And, without people like Ed Wujek and Larry Calcaterra and their families the job of protecting babies would be that much more difficult.

I applaud the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the March of Dimes and Ed Wujek and Larry Calcaterra for their leadership, advocacy, and community service. I am sure that the Wujek and Calcaterra families are honored by the recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting them as the 1995 recipients of the "Alexander Macomb Family of the Year Award."

HONORING THE CARLOW COLLEGE WOMEN OF SPIRIT

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 1995

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor some very special women—the Carlow College Women of Spirit for the year 1994–95. Carlow College is a private Catholic college for women in Pittsburgh. The college, founded in 1929, created its Women of Spirit Award to call attention to women in the Pittsburgh area who exemplify the college's ideals of competent and compassionate service in both their personal and professional lives. The college presents a Woman of Spirit Award every month, and it holds a gala event each year to pay tribute to the previous year's recipients.

This year's Women of Spirit Award recipients include prominent members of the area's business community, several leading educators, and women who are active in many local charities. In fact, many Women of Spirit have accomplishments in more than one of these fields, as well as in their personal and spiritual lives. I would like to mention each award recipient personally.

Ellie Wynard, Ph.D., is a respected professor of English and lecturer at Carlow College. She has been influential in developing the women's studies curriculum at Carlow College. She is also the author of two books about the effects of divorce.

Carol Neyland, a vice president at Mellon Bank, has a distinguished professional career in the fields of banking and finance. She has also been active in community service, especially in her involvement with youth organizations. She is a bona fide scholar as well, with a graduate degree in Greek and Latin as well as an M.B.A.

Marie Lowry is a retired businesswoman with a remarkable record of public service. She has been a member of the steering committee for Pittsburgh's Walk for the Cure for the last 2 years and a board member for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Pittsburgh. She has been a volunteer for Catholic Charities as well.

Ceci Sommers, now retired from the position of vice president of community relations at WQED-FM, was the executive producer of a number of award-winning broadcasts. She is the winner of 10 Golden Quill Awards, and she is widely credited with developing the industry standard for classical music stations. She has been a leading supporter of the arts in Pittsburgh for more than 20 years.